

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (BE13/0291) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many multi-entry tourist visas have been granted in 2011-12 and 2012-13 to date, by nationality of applicant and post?

*Answer:*

Of all the tourist visas granted to persons outside Australia, 88.6 per cent (2 710 495) provided multiple entry in 2011-12 and 88.7 per cent (2 337 214) in 2012-13 as at 30 April 2013. These figures include the following visa subclasses: Tourist (Subclass 676), and tourist streams for the Visitor (Subclass 600), Electronic Travel Authority (Subclasses 601 and 976), and eVisitor (Subclass 651).

A detailed breakdown of multiple entry tourist visas by applicant nationality and visa issuing office would be thousands of lines. The following tables indicate the top ten applicant nationality and visa issuing offices for multiple entry tourist visas.

**Table 1** – Number of multiple entry tourist visas granted in 2011-12 and 2012-13 to 30 April 2013 by citizenship country.

Rank	Citizenship Country	2011-12	2012-13 to 30 April 2013
1	United Kingdom	482 722	418 306
2	United States of America	303 326	247 277
3	Japan	282 336	229 736
4	China, Peoples Republic of	158 256	190 059
5	Malaysia	178 182	144 107
6	Korea, South	254 819	111 414
7	Germany, Fed Republic of	120 760	107 712
8	Singapore	120 466	104 655
9	France	110 380	82 638
10	Canada	94 586	75 359
	Other countries	704 662	625 951
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2 710 495</b>	<b>2 337 214</b>

Note 1: Figures for 2012-13 are subject to variation.

**Table 2** – Number of multiple entry tourist visas granted in 2011-12 and 2012-13 to 30 April 2013 by processing office.

Rank	Processing Office	2011-12	2012-13 to 30 April 2013
1	ETA System	1 881 991	1 474 652
2	Hobart Global Processing Centre	435 355	461 329
3	Shanghai	74 774	103 906
4	New Delhi	48 402	51 398
5	Beijing	53 135	47 033
6	Jakarta	35 177	36 301
7	Guangzhou	26 409	34 829
8	Pretoria	27 280	22 693
9	Bangkok	18 935	15 192
10	Auckland	13 132	10 110
	Other locations	95 905	79 771
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2 710 495</b>	<b>2 337 214</b>

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*Quarterly Visitor visa program reports, which provide statistics on many aspects including top source countries by visa subclass, are available on the Department of Immigration and Citizenship's website at:*

[www.immi.gov.au/media/statistics/visitor.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/media/statistics/visitor.htm)